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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: VIETNAMESE REFUGEES IN SINGAPORE

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1. WE APPRECIATE GOS WILLINGNESS TO ALLOW SHORT DELAY IN DEPARTURE OF VIETNAMESE REFUGEES. HOWEVER, IT SEEMS THAT GOS IS UNDER IMPRESSION THAT USG HAS ASSUMED RESPONSIBILITY FOR THESE PEOPLE DESPITE WHAT YOU SAID TOTHE CONTRARYIN YOUR CONVERSATION WITH DR. GOH. AS YOU KNOW, U.S. POLICY, CONCURRED IN BY THE CONGRESS, IS TO INTERNATIONALIZE REFUGEE BURDEN TO MAXIMUM POSSIBLE EXTENT, AND NOT REPEAT NOT TO ASSUME SOLE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THOSE REFUGEESWHO HAVE FLED ON THEIR OWN, EXCEPT IN SITUATIONS OF DIRE EMERGENCY
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WHERE THEY HAVE BEEN TAKEN ABROAD U.S.VESSELS.

2. YOU SHOULD MAKE CLEAR TO GOS THAT REFUGEES ARE IN THE FIRST INSTANCE THE RESPONSIBILITY OFCOUNTRYIN WHICH THEY

SEEK REFUGE. WHILE WE UNDERSTAND GOS RELUCTANCE TO RECEIVE
THE VIETNAMESE FOR PERMANENT RESETTLEMENT, WE WOULD HOPE
THAT IT WOULD TAKE SOME PERMANENTLY AND IN ANY CASE IT SEEMS
THAT HUMANITARIAN CONSIDERATIONS ALONE WOULD REQUIRE GOS TO
HELP AND KEEP THEM UNTIL PERMANENT ASYLUM CAN BE FOUND. GOS
SHOULD BE URGED TO REQUEST UNHCR AND OTHER INTERNATIONAL
AGENCIES ASSISTANCE IN RESETTLING.
THE REFUGEES. USG IS OF COURSE PREPARED TO CONTRIBUTE
FAIR SHARE OF UNHCR COSTS. KISSINGER

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